at the age of seventeen. His impressive *Allgemeine Geschichte der christlichen Eeligion und Kirche,* the composition of which occupied over quarter of century? has established his position as one of the greatest Church historians of all time. Yet perhaps his Jewish up-bringing was responsible for the spirit which inspired his classical reply to the Prussian government, which had asked his opinion as to whether Strauss's *Life of Jesus* should be prohibited: " Scholarly works are to be fought with the weapons of science, not by the power of the State."[1]

"God knoweth no vessel so full of blessing for Israel as Peace ", runs a well-known Rabbinic dictum. It is not remarkable that a group, brought up under the influence of such an ideal, and aware that the Jewish masses must necessarily suffer to a disproportionate extent in time of war (as they have done throughout history) should have made a practical contribution to the realisation of this hope.[2] After Medicine, the greatest proportion of Jewish Nobel prizewinners received the award for services to Peace. They include Tobias Michael Carel Asser, the famous Dutch jurist and one of the great figures in the development of International Law : and Alfred Hermann Fried, who worked passionately for the ideal of

[1] It may be pointed out, incidentally, that not all the Jewish bene-factions to Christian objects have emanated from non-professing Jews : for the traditional tolerance has often been sufficiently strong to overlook the difference of faith. Thus the

Marrano magnate of the seventeenth century, Abraham Senior Texeira, supplied the copper roofing for the Church of St. Michael at Hamburg: several Jews subscribed to the completion of the Trinity Church in New York in the eighteenth century : while the English Church was first erected at Rio de Janeiro through the exertions of Denis Samuel.

[2] It is not perhaps without its significance that Florence Nightingale's Swiss collaborator, Jean Henri Dunant, founder of the Red Cross, was also one of the great Gentile forerunners of Zionism.